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ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

MORAVIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY,

SEPTEMBER 13, 1900.

The business meeting was called to order at 10:30 a. m., by Bro. Eugene Leibert, on whose motion Bro. Abraham S. Schropp was called to the chair in the absence of the President of the Society. Twenty members were present.

The minutes of the last annual meeting were read and adopted, and the reports of the Treasurer and Secretary were presented and accepted.

The following is an abstract of the Treasurer's Report for the year ending August 31, 1900.

RECEIPTS.

Annual Dues	$190 50
Fees for Life Membership	50 00
Interest	76 33
Collection at Vesper	17 62
Museum Box	4 02
Transactions sold	4 75
Contributions for Monroe County Monuments	324 50
Donation	25
Cash on hand August 31, 1899	239 39
	$907 36

EXPENDITURES.

Treasurer's compensation	$ 50 00
Librarian's compensation	20 00
Vesper supplies	17 56
Stationery, postage, expressage, etc	14 03
Insurance and State taxes	2 85
Printing	4 00
Commission to collector of annual dues	5 98
Zeisberger Memorial	2 00
Cost of lot at Meniolagomeka and expenses	40 07
Publication Committee	49 63
Binding	22 40
Cash on hand August 31, 1900	678 84
	$907 36

RESOURCES.

Cash	$ 678 84
Investments	1957 75
Volume III (copies unsold)	50 56
Excess of Liabilities	302 15
	$2989 30

LIABILITIES.

Publication Fund	$1396 05
Summer House Fund	505 72
Zeisberger Memorial Fund	169 20
Monroe County Monuments	284 43
Graveyard Fund	24 91
Binding Fund	29 95
Annual dues prepaid	3 25
Appropriation to Publication Committee	575 79
	$2989 30

The chief features of the Secretary's Report were the measures taken by the Executive Committee, in pursuance of a Resolution adopted at the last annual meeting in regard to the erection of monuments to mark the sites of the Indian Mission Stations, Meniolagomeka and Wechquetank, in Monroe County, Pennsylvania, and to ensure the publication of Bro. J. Taylor Hamilton's History of the Moravian Church.

A special committee, consisting of the brethren Eugene Leibert, Abraham S. Schropp, Frank Kunkel, Joseph A. Rice, and G. A. Schneebeli, was appointed to carry out the Monroe County monuments project. This committee at once proceeded to ascertain the exact sites of Meniolagomeka and Wechquetank, and to solicit contributions from members and friends of the society. They have secured the title to a suitable lot for a monument at Meniolagomeka, but their negotiations to obtain a similar piece of ground at Wechquetank has not, as yet, been successful. Up to this time contributions amounting to $324.50 have been received, and $40.07 have been expended. It is hoped that the monument at Meniolagomeka may be erected and dedicated during the coming year.

In order to secure the early publication of Bro. J. Taylor Hamilton's History of the Moravian Church, the Executive Committee gladly accepted a proposition, made by Bro. Hamilton, that this work be published as one Volume of the "Transactions," and it was agreed that the Society purchase a

sufficient number of copies for distribution to the present members, and for future use, for which purpose an appropriation of five hundred and fifty dollars was made. This valuable work is now nearly ready, and it will be delivered to the life members of the Society as soon as received from the binder, and to the active and associate members on payment of their dues in full for the years 1900, 1901, and 1902.

The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows:—

President, Rt. Rev. J. M. Levering.

Vice Presidents, Rt. Rev. Henry J. Van Vleck, Rev. Eugene Leibert, Rev. E. T. Kluge, Rev. W. H. Rice, Rev. M. W. Leibert, Rev. Arthur D. Thaeler, Wm. H. Jordan, Abraham R. Beck, Abraham S. Schropp, C. Otto Brunner.

Secretary and Treasurer, Frank Kunkel.

Librarian, Rev. Edward T. Kluge.

Managers, Joseph A. Rice, Granville Henry, Aug. H. Leibert, Wm. V. Knauss, Rev. Henry A. Jacobson.

Library Committee, Rev. Paul de Schweinitz, Rev. Charles A. Haehnle, John W. Jordan, Abraham S. Schropp, John F. Bardill, J. Fred. Wolle.

Publication Committee, Rev. Eugene Leibert, Rev. J. Taylor Hamilton, Robert Rau.

Graveyard Committee, C. E. Michael, G. A. Schneebeli.

The "Vesper," 2 p. m.

Bishop Levering having arrived since the forenoon, presided at this gathering. Grace having been sung, the collation was partaken of by one hundred and seventy members and guests—the largest number present on such an occasion.

The following members passed away during the year: Mrs. Henry B. Luckenbach, Francis E. Fenner, and Andrew A. Smith, and in announcing their departure, mention was made of the deaths, in previous years and in foreign countries, of J. Philip Lockwood and C. M. S. Leslie, information of which had not been received at the time.

The following papers were read:

"A Century Ago," by Bro. J. M. Levering.

"Wechquetank," by Bro. Eugene Leibert.

"A Brief Chapter on Ancestor Worship," by Bro. Robert Rau.

An interesting feature of the afternoon gathering was the presence of Bro. James M. Beck, Assistant Attorney General of the United States, who is a great great grandson of the distinguished missionary Bernhard Adam Grube. The latter had served faithfully and efficiently both at Meniolagomeka and Wechquetank, to which the attention of the Society has often been directed during the past year, and the latter of which formed the subject of the principal paper presented at this meeting, and the brief, but eloquent, address which Bro. Beck delivered, in response to enthusiastic calls, was received with all the greater interest on this account.

The following contributions to the Library and Museum were reported:—

From the Bureau of Education, Washington, D. C., "Catalogue of Prehistoric Works," "Bibliography of Algonquin Languages," and five volumes of Annual Reports of the Bureau of Ethnology.

From the Wyoming Commemorative Association, a copy of its Proceedings.

From Garrick M. Harding, a copy of his address, entitled "The Old Sullivan Road."

From Wm. H. Jordan, Portraits in oil, by J. Augustus Beck, of Rt. Rev. Charles L. Moench, Rev. Clarence Eberman, Rev. Morris W. Leibert, Rev. Bernhard Adam Grube, Rev. Wm. H. Oerter, Rt. Rev. Edmund A. Oerter.

A collection of photographic views taken mainly in Bohemia, by Rev. James Hall.

The following have become members of the Society during the year:—

Life Member: William Wintersteen.

Active Members: Mrs. Mary de Schweinitz, Frank J. Buch, Miss Alice H. Bricker, Miss Martha M. Bricker, Oliver A. Clewell, Miss Annie O. Fenner, James S. Fry, E. Jacob Gerlach,

Fred. J. Rice, Mrs. C. Senseman, Miss Martha Snyder, Mrs. Frank C. Stout.

Associate Members: Dr. Irving A. Bachman, Prof. Jos. F. Klein, Mrs. Wm. H. Milchsack.

At the close of the year there are seventy-six life members and two hundred and fifty-six active and associate members, making a total of three hundred and thirty-two.